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STUDY WATER PROBLEMS . . . Development and conservation of water resources on the national, state and local levels has been taken on as a study project by the League of Women Voters. Here Mrs. Warren T. Shalies (left), chairman of the Torrance LWV committee, and Mrs. W. F. Radcliffe, president, check over material at the site of a sea barrier project on Prospect Avenue. (Press-Herald Photo)

Teachers Get Pay Hike, Paid Health Plan Nixed

Trio in Vehicle Escape

Three youths who wrecked a stolen auto fleeing Torrance police are being sought throughout the Southland today.

The trio fled from the Torrance beach area into Palos Verdes Estates when flushed by patrolmen making a post-midnight round of the area. The auto was wrecked a few minutes later, the trio fleeing.

Officers Robert Lydon and Dennis Frandsen spotted the vehicle parked on Paseo de la Playa near Via Riviera and approached to check what appeared to them to be an abandoned car, they said later.

As the officers approached on foot, three persons appeared inside the vehicle, the driver started up the engine hurriedly, and sped away. Officer Lydon reported he was nearly hit by the speeding vehicle and said he broke a window in the car with his flashlight as it roared past him.

Lydon and Frandsen took up the pursuit and chased the car into Palos Verdes Estates where it slammed into a wire fence at the end of a dirt road near Via Pavion. The car's three occupants fled into the brush on foot, the pursuing officers said.

The car was heavily damaged. It was registered to a Los Angeles man.



SIGN PACT . . . Four young Torrance area showmen, The Palace Guards, have signed a contract with a Beverly Hills recording company and have just made their first recording, "Little People," in which they team up with Don Grady, the "Robbie" of "My Three Sons." Shown here (from left) are Mike Conley and brothers Don, John, and David Beaudoin. The group made local appearances last year as The Emeralds.

Salary Raises Cost \$634,000 In First Year

Pay increases which will cost the Torrance school district some \$634,000 during the next year were approved by the Board of Education last night during a marathon session which was still going on at midnight.

Proposals for a health insurance plan for school employees were turned down by the trustees.

Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools, was granted a \$600 hike in his salary—raising his earnings to \$24,175 per year. He had sought a yearly salary of \$23,700.

Final action came after trustees voted down, 3-2, a motion by Dr. Donald Wilson to accept recommendations made by the district's personnel office. That proposal would have granted increases ranging from 4½ per cent to 5½ per cent for teachers, a 4½ per cent hike for all other employees, and a health insurance program with the district contributing \$60 per employe.

TOTAL COST of the package would have been \$814,095—substantially more than the \$650,000 which trustees included in the preliminary budget for salary adjustments when they approved that document last month.

"How are you going to get blood out of a stone," Bert M. Lynn asked when Dr. Wilson moved to approve the personnel office program. Lynn said he believed the district would have to provide health insurance eventually, but added, "I'm not for opening that Pandora's box yet."

"You will bankrupt this town if you pass this motion," Lynn declared.

Dr. Kurt Shery, who seconded Dr. Wilson's motion, said the health insurance program "is an important item."

THE MOVE failed, however,

er, with Lynn, William J. Hanson, and board president Mrs. Kenneth E. Watts voting against it.

A move by Hanson to grant a flat \$300 per year raise to teachers died when his motion failed to get a second.

Teachers and other certificated employes were finally granted a 4¼ per cent hike on a motion by Lynn. Mrs. Watts and Dr. Wilson voted against the motion and both indicated they favored a 4½ per cent hike. A price tag of \$481,000 was placed on the action.

Trustees also voted to grant an additional \$35 per month to persons holding a doctor's degree if the degree is not required for their particular placement on the salary scale. The provision will affect chiefly the elementary school principals.

A 4½ per cent across-the-board hike for classified employes was approved unanimously by the trustees. The 4½ per cent figure—which will cost the district \$152,202—was recommended by the personnel office. A night pay differential increase of 1.5 per cent also was approved.

HEALTH INSURANCE for non-teaching employes, also recommended by the personnel office, again failed to win the necessary three votes.

Increases in teacher's pay raises the starting salary in Torrance to \$5,725. A maximum salary of \$11,070 is possible for teachers who meet all requirements and advance to the top of the scale.

Diaz Enrolled At Claremont

Gilbert Diaz Jr., son of Mrs. Olivia G. Diaz of 1517 Plaza del Amo, is among the 241 students accepted for the fall term at Claremont Men's College.

New Airport Fee Schedule Wins Council's Approval

Increased tie-down fees for aircraft at the Torrance Municipal Airport won't cause any substantial loss in business, Airport Manager Jack Egan told the City Council last night.

Briefing on Meadow Park Work Slated

Mayor Albert Isen and Councilmen Ross A. Sciarrotta Sr. and Ken Miller will be briefed on the progress of Torrance's Meadow Park urban renewal project at a public session this afternoon at 2 p.m. The meeting will be held in the council chambers at city hall.

Isen serves as chairman of the city's Redevelopment Agency, while Sciarrotta and Miller head the finance and public relations committees of the agency.

The briefing session will be conducted by City Manager Ed Ferraro, who doubles at the agency executive director, and Charles Shartle, city planning director.

Egan made the statement in reply to a question from Councilman J. A. Beasley while the council was considering the proposed hike in tie-down fees. The increases were adopted by the council on a 6-0 vote. Councilman H. Ted Olson was absent from the meeting.

Rates were hiked an average of 33 per cent by the action. Storage charges for light aircraft, which have been \$15 per month, will be \$20 per month under the new schedule. Similar increases apply to heavier aircraft.

TRANSIENT rates for the light aircraft (Class I) remain the same—\$1 per day, while fees for other classes of planes will be hiked by about one-third.

Egan said the new rates are "in line with rates at similar airports." He admitted to councilmen the new fees might discourage a few owners who had been using the Torrance airport because of the lower storage rates.

The new rates were approved by the city's Airport Commission and had been included in City Manager Ed-

ward J. Ferraro's 1965-66 budget.

In other action, the council:

- Referred a policy statement about residential uses of Airport property to its own airport committee. The policy statement was recommended by the Airport Commission.

- Approved an agreement between the city and property owners near 247th Street and Crenshaw Boulevard for installation of a traffic signal at the intersection. The costs will be shared by the city and the property owners.

- Approved an agreement with the state for the construction of a sidewalk along the south side of Pacific Coast Highway between Roberts Road and Calle Mayor.

Auditorium Committee Will Meet

Members of the Citizen's Auditorium Advisory Committee will meet tomorrow evening to discuss the size of Torrance's projected civic auditorium complex.

J. B. Mosley, chairman of the group, said the meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in the employes lounge at city hall, 3031 Torrance Blvd.

A report on the auditorium by Economic Research Associates (ERA) has recommended construction of a three-building complex. The project would include a 200-seat little theater, a 1,000-seat music hall and auditorium, and 3,000-seat exposition hall.

The advisory group will review the ERA report and make recommendations to the City Council.

HAT IN RING

Robert H. Finch, manager of Richard M. Nixon's 1960 presidential campaign, will seek the 1966 GOP nomination for lieutenant governor, he told backers over the weekend.

Survey of Boundaries Due Soon

Rush Surveying Co., 1601 Redondo Beach Blvd., Gardena, was awarded a contract to conduct a boundary survey in the Meadow Park Urban Renewal area last night.

The survey will establish property lines, street boundaries, and other boundaries in the redevelopment project area, according to City Manager Edward J. Ferraro.

Rush Surveying Co. submitted a low bid of \$1,700 for the work. Bids ranged upward to \$2,500.

Woman Wins \$50 Bill in TV Contest

Thelma Sible of 3828 W. 182nd St., is \$50 richer after visiting a television studio.

Mrs. Sible recently attended a Truth or Consequences show and was handed an envelope during an audience participation contest. The envelope contained a \$10, \$20, \$50, or \$100 bill.

The contest provided that if the contestant passing out the envelopes guessed which envelope held which bill, the contestant would get to keep the money. If she guessed wrong, then the person who was given the envelope could keep the money.

Mrs. Sible left the studio \$50 richer when the contestant failed to correctly identify the bill in the envelope.

Degree in Languages Is First

The first advanced degree ever issued in the United States in Altaic Studies has been awarded to a Torrance High graduate by Indiana University.

Alan Brown, THS Class of 1954, received the master's degree in Altaic Studies during ceremonies last month. His field of study included the history and evolution of such languages as Finnish, Hungarian, Estonian, Turkish, Manchu, Korean, Mongolian, and Tibetan.

Brown also reads and writes modern Korean and Japanese, and classical Mongolian.

He plans to spend the summer in a refresher course in advanced Japanese at Stanford University. Brown and his wife will take their small daughter to Tokyo in the fall for classes at the Stanford Tokyo Center.

While in Japan, he will take individual instruction in advanced written and spoken Japanese and do research on dialectology of Japanese-Korean and Korean-Tungus relationships.

Brown is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney N. Brown of 1620 Flower Ave.

Don't Make That Turn--Its Illegal

Motorist traveling Sepulveda should beware, lest they be caught in a trap.

The trap has to do with a signal at Maple Street—a signal which flashes a green arrow occasionally for those traveling east on Sepulveda. Since Maple Avenue is not improved north of Sepulveda Boulevard, the arrow only permits motorists to make a "U" turn on Sepulveda.

But, Councilman David Lyman pointed out last night, a "U" turn at the intersection is against the law.

Lyman contended a "U" turn is illegal at a signalized intersection unless specifically permitted. And City Engineer Walter Nollac agreed.

Was the city purposely trying to trap some innocent motorist? No, said Nollac, "We just got the wrong sign."

Ronny May Wins Honors As Top Carrier in June



RONNY MAY
 Top Carrier

Ronny May, son of Rev. and Mrs. Gene May of 2309 W. 227th St., has been declared the winner of the Press-Herald Carrier-of-the-month honors for June.

Young May is a member of the Royal Rangers, and the Assembly of God Church. He plays the trombone in his school band.

Press-Herald circulation manager Darrell Wescott, in announcing May's selection, said, "Ronny received top honors for his persistent and rewarding sales efforts. He is learning business methods and is saving his money toward a better future."

"Ronny likes to make friends," Wescott added, "he likes people, and they like him."

One Sparkler Casualty . . .

The roof of the Daniel Goodwin home at 22406 Ocean Ave. was listed by firemen this week as a casualty in the annual Independence Day celebration. A smoldering sparkler had apparently been tossed onto the wooden shingled roof of the home, according to Bn. Chief John Agapito. The blaze was extinguished by firemen with the roof sustaining minor damage only.

Torrance Is No. 3 . . .

Torrance became the third largest city in Los Angeles County on July 1, Mayor Albert Isen said last night. Isen said a computer had been given the figures and decided this city passed Glendale on the first day of the month. "Unless they (Glendale officials) can show otherwise," Isen said, "the computer says Torrance is now the third largest city." Estimated population for the city is about 133,000. The figures will be made semi-official when the Regional Planning Commission releases its quarterly estimate at the end of the month.

Airport Day Planned . . .

Torrance will observe Airport Day Sept. 19, according to Joe M. Doss, president of the city's Airport Commission. Doss said plans for the Airport Day festivities will be discussed at a meeting of the commission tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock at city hall. Jack R. Egan, manager of the airport, and Homer Morgan, a member of the commission, are coordinating the event.